## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently amended) A security system comprising:

detecting means for detecting the presence of an intruder in a predetermined area or a plurality of predetermined areas;

communicating means <u>comprising at least a satellite return channel</u> for communicating, via satellite signals from a subscriber location to a processing center, the detection of the presence of the intruder in the predetermined area or in one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

wherein the satellite signals encode data alerting the processing center to the presence of said intruder in said predetermined area or said one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

receiving means to receive satellite signals from the processing center at the subscriber location; and

wherein the satellite signals received from the processing center carry data to activate a local alarm/warning system at the subscriber location.

- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Original) The security system of claim 1, wherein the satellite signals are transmitted at a DBS frequency.
- 4. (Original) The security system of claim 1, wherein the satellite signals are transmitted at a FSS frequency.
- 5. (Original) The security system of claim 1, wherein the detecting means comprises a detection apparatus interface.

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- 6. (Original) The security system of claim 1, wherein the processing center comprises a provider antenna for transmitting and/or receiving satellite signals.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 1, wherein the predetermined area or plurality of predetermined areas is operatively associated with a subscriber antenna at the subscriber location.
- 8. (Original) The security system of claim 1, wherein the detection of the intruder activates the transmission of satellite signals.
- 9. (Original) The security system of claim 1, wherein the detection of the intruder interrupts the transmission of satellite signals.
- 10. (Original) The security system of claim 1, wherein the detection of the intruder alters the frequency of the satellite signals.
- 11. (Original) The security system of claim 1, wherein the frequency of the satellite signals corresponds to a predetermined security condition.
- 12. (Original) The security system of claim 1, further comprising selection means for selecting an active or inactive mode for the security system.
- 13. (Original) The security system of claim 1, further comprising processing means at the processing center for processing satellite signals encoding data alerting said processing center to the presence of the intruder in the predetermined area or plurality of predetermined areas.
- 14. (Original) The security system of claim 1, further comprising means for providing local response to detection of the intruder.
  - 15. (Currently amended) A security system comprising:

detecting means at a subscriber location for detecting the presence of an intruder in a predetermined area or a plurality of predetermined areas;

communicating means <u>comprising</u> at least a satellite return channel for communicating, via satellite signals from a subscriber location to a processing center, the detection of the presence of the intruder in the predetermined area or in one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

processing means at the processing center for receiving and processing the satellite signals;

wherein the satellite signals encode data alerting the processing center to the presence of said intruder in said predetermined area or in the one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

receiving means to receive satellite signals from the processing center at the subscriber location; and

wherein the satellite signals received from the processing center carry data to activate a local alarm/warning system at the subscriber location.

- 16. (Cancelled)
- 17. (Original) The security system of claim 15, wherein the satellite signals are transmitted at a DBS frequency.
- 18. (Original) The security system of claim 15, wherein the satellite signals are transmitted at a FSS frequency.
- 19. (Original) The security system of claim 15, wherein the detecting means comprises a detection apparatus interface.
- 20. (Original) The security system of claim 15, wherein the processing center comprises a provider antenna for transmitting and/or receiving satellite signals.
- 21. (Original) The security system of claim 15, wherein the predetermined area or plurality of predetermined areas is operatively associated with a subscriber antenna at a subscriber location.
- 22. (Original) The security system of claim 15, wherein the detection of the intruder activates the transmission of satellite signals.
- 23. (Original) The security system of claim 15, wherein the detection of the intruder interrupts the transmission of satellite signals.
- 24. (Original) The security system of claim 15, wherein the detection of the intruder alters the frequency of the satellite signals.

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25. (Original) The security system of claim 15, wherein the frequency of the satellite signals corresponds to a predetermined security condition.

26. (Original) The security system of claim 15, further comprising selection means for selecting an active or inactive mode for the security system.

27. (Original) The security system of claim 15, further comprising processing means at the processing center for processing satellite signals encoding data alerting said processing center to the presence of the intruder in the predetermined area or plurality of predetermined areas.

28. (Original) The security system of claim 15, further comprising means for providing local response to detection of the intruder.

29. (Currently amended) A security system comprising:

communicating means <u>comprising at least a satellite return channel</u> for communicating, via satellite signals from a subscriber location to a processing center, the detection of the presence of an intruder in a predetermined area or in a plurality of predetermined areas;

detecting interface means for operatively associating the communicating means with detecting means, said detecting means being able to detect the presence of an intruder in the predetermined area or in one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

wherein the satellite signals encode data alerting the processing center to the presence of said intruder in said predetermined area or said one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

receiving means to receive satellite signals from the processing center at the subscriber location; and

wherein the satellite signals received from the processing center carry data to activate a local alarm/warning system at the subscriber location.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) The security system of claim 29, wherein the satellite signals are transmitted at a DBS frequency.

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32. (Original) The security system of claim 29, wherein the satellite signals are transmitted at a FSS frequency.

33. (Original) The security system of claim 29, wherein the detecting means comprises a detection apparatus interface.

34. (Original) The security system of claim 29, wherein the processing center comprises a provider antenna for transmitting and/or receiving satellite signals.

35. (Previously Presented) The security system of claim 29, wherein the predetermined area or plurality of predetermined areas is operatively associated with a subscriber antenna at the subscriber location.

36. (Currently Amended) A security system comprising:

a subscriber antenna at a subscriber location <u>comprising at least a satellite return channel</u> for communicating, via satellite signals to a processing center, the detection of the presence of an intruder in a predetermined area or in a plurality of predetermined areas;

detection interface apparatus capable of operatively associating with means for detecting the presence of an intruder in the predetermined area or in one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

wherein the satellite signals encode data alerting the processing center to the presence of said intruder in said predetermined area or in the one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas; and

wherein satellite signals received at the subscriber antenna from the processing center carry data to activate a local alarm/warning system at the subscriber location.

37. (Original) The security system of claim 36, further comprising a provider antenna at a provider location for communicating via satellite signals to the subscriber antenna.

38. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating the presence of an intruder in a predetermined area via satellite comprising:

detecting the presence of an intruder in a predetermined area or a plurality of predetermined areas;

communicating via satellite signals in at least a satellite return channel, from a subscriber location to a processing center, the detection of the presence of the intruder in the predetermined area or in one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

wherein the satellite signals encode data alerting the processing center to the presence of said intruder in said predetermined area or said one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

receiving satellite signals from the processing center at the subscriber location; and wherein the satellite signals received from the processing center carry data to activate a local alarm/warning system at the subscriber location.

39. (Currently amended) A method of communicating the presence of an intruder in a predetermined area via satellite comprising:

detecting at a subscriber location the presence of an intruder in a predetermined area or a plurality of predetermined areas;

communicating via satellite signals in at least a satellite return channel, from the subscriber location to a processing center, the detection of the presence of the intruder in the predetermined area or in one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas;

receiving and processing at the processing center the satellite signals to produce a local response at the subscriber location, wherein the local response comprises activating a local alarm/warning system at the subscriber location;

wherein the satellite signals encode data alerting the processing center to the presence of said intruder in said predetermined area or in the one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas.